The Kid Zone Experience

Parent informational packet

Join us February 28th, 2015 9-2pm

Kid Zone is going to be participating in this years Tempe PlayDay in a HUGE way! Our goal is to get as many of our kids and families out for this amazing event as possible. Here is what you can expect!

- Amazing events including Salsa making competition, Frisbee Toss, Speed Stack, Chess, Yo-Yo and the Tempe Diablo Dash obstacle course. Come participate in one or all of the events.
- Kid Zone program tables to experience STEM, Gardening, Nutrition and other Kid
 Zone fun!
- Art Zone where students can make their own Kid Zone bracelets and other cool arts and crafts projects.
- Kid Zone Preschool Zone featuring activities for our favorite little friends 5 and under.
- City of Tempe PlayDay also includes boating, rock wall, inflatables, tennis, youth sports, and dance.
- Culmination of the KID ZONE CARES food drive. We will be collecting nonperishables for Tempe Care 7 and gently used clothing for Kyrene Family Resources Center.
- And there is more! There will be music, food trucks, and a Kid Zone awards ceremony. What an amazing free event!

The Events

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Frisbee Toss- The Frisbee is over 60 years old, but it still hasn't lost its magic. It takes much practice to learn to not only throw the flying discs for distance, but for accuracy as well. Both will be equally important in this high-flying event!

Rules: Each child will get three throws of the Frisbee during the competition day. Only the furthest throw of the day (for each age group) will count. The corridor for the Frisbee Toss will only be twenty feet wide, so the throws must be accurate as well.

Obstacle Course (Diablo Dash)- This event will challenge your mind and body! Practicing for this event at the sites will be up to Kid Zone staff as far as course design and training for improving skills. Once at the Kid Zone Experience, children will be encouraged to complete the amazing Tempe Diablo Dash.

Rules: Complete the Diablo Dash to earn a participation award. Course is ¼ mile long with over 15 huge obstacles. The average time to complete is over 25 minutes! Endurance is a must!

<u>Yo-Yo Competition-</u> Yo-yoing has caught fire at Kid Zone! We want to see all the new tricks you have learned. A panel of guests will be at the event to judge each child's creativity and groups will be broken up by age, so practice with your friends and challenge each other to some new amazing stunts!

Rules: Each child will get to show off all their best tricks in a **one minute** routine. Judges will score based on difficulty, technical skill, and creativity.

<u>Speed Stacking-</u> You will need to be fast and smooth to compete in this event! Each site will be given a set of speed stacking cups so everyone can practice for this amazingly-fun event! Children will be broken up by age groups to compete against other kids and see how fast they can go through the entire speed stacking routine.

Rules: Official Speed Stacking (WSSA) rules will apply. Both hands must start on the timer mat and children must stack cups through the entire cycle of 3-6-3, 6-6, 1-10-1, 3-6-3 (single stacks position). Then they must hit the timer to stop their time. Again, only the fastest time will stand for each age group.

Chess- Learn the intricacies and strategy of one of the world's oldest and most difficult games. It will take you minutes to learn, but a lifetime to master! We will be allowing **one champion** from each Kid Zone site to compete during the Kid Zone Experience so anyone who is interested needs to practice and hone their skills for the challenge of a <u>lifetime!</u>

Rules: Official Chess rules apply. Each site will get to send **one child** as their champion to represent their school in the official Kid Zone Experience Chess Tournament. Games will be limited to 20 minutes each. Tie breaker will be based on points left on the board (pawn=1, bishop=knight=3, rook=5, and queen=9). Other players not specifically representing their school can still come and find a challenger at one of the chess boards set up for the event!

Nutrition Cooking Competition- Following a recipe is a great skill to have for any aspiring chef (or just a hungry individual), but this cooking competition takes nutritious food prep to the next level. Students will be provided a list of 20 ingredients that they can combine in any way to make one great salsa for the judges. Practice ahead to get the right flavor combination!

Rules: Students will have 3 minutes at the cooking station to combine pre chopped ingredients and spices into one salsa for the judging panel. Please refer to ingredients list so students can practice their creations!

Kid Zone Experience Salsa Challenge

Ingredients

Fresh tomatoes

Mangos

Red onion

Red, yellow, orange bell pepper

Cucumber

Canned pineapple rings

Canned black bean

Canned corn

Jalapeño*

Canned green chili*

Garlic

Lime juice

Fresh cilantro

*spicy

Spices

Basil

Cumin

Chili powder*

Garlic powder

Onion powder

Cayenne pepper*

Coriander

Salt

Pepper

Fresh cilantro



Logistics:

- Arrive anytime between 9-10am to be a competitor in any events.
- Kid Zone experience will be open to the public for non-competitive play from 10-2pm.
- All students coming to compete will get a special participation bag with tons of prizes!
- Awards ceremony will be held at approximately 10:30 announcing the grade level winners from each
 event and showcasing each site flag.
- City of Tempe Play day will be open 10-2 for more free fun! www.tempe.gov/playday

